Live telecast programmes at Bangalore

1511. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore Doordarshan has arranged live telecast of the function of the Karnataka Government held on the 9th July 2005 at Bangalore to honour Dr. Raj Kumar for his contribution to Kannada film industry during the last five decades;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it has come to Government's notice that private TV channels have arranged live telecast of the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati have informed that DDK, Bangalore did not arrange live telecast of the function of the Karnataka Government held on 9th July, 2005 at Bangalore. They have further informed that the rights to cover the programme were given to a private channel by the organizers.

Export earnings of film industry

1512. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that films' export earnings are becoming increasingly important to producers, as the share from this segment is rapidly expanding;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the estimated Rs. 4,500 crore turnover of the Indian film industry, export earnings amounted to Rs. 1,000 crore; and

(c) if so, what benefits Government intend to give to the film industry particularly to its demand to grant full exemption from CVD for raw films stock imports and for removing the restriction that films must have a minimum budget of Rs. 5 crore to qualify for the bank finance?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) According to the report of the